

**PUBLIC RELEASE**  
**SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM**

[Name of District] announces the 2005-06 policy for free and reduced-price milk for students whose schools participating in the Special Milk Program. The complete policy is on file in the central office and may be reviewed by any interested party.

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown in the following household size and income criteria chart may be eligible for free milk. The Special Milk Program is available only to kindergarten children who do not have access to school lunch or breakfast.

<b>FEDERAL INCOME CHART</b> For School Year 2005-06			
Household size	Yearly(\$)	Monthly(\$)	Weekly(\$)
1	17,705	1,476	341
2	23,736	1,978	457
3	29,767	2,481	573
4	35,798	2,984	689
5	41,829	3,486	805
6	47,860	3,989	921
7	53,891	4,491	1,037
8	59,922	4,994	1,153
Each additional person:	6,031	503	116

Application forms will be sent to each home with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free milk, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. If a household is eligible for food stamps the household will receive a Direct Certification letter from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services in the mail. **This letter may be used in place of the school meals application.**

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Under the provisions of the free milk policy, a school official will review applications and determine eligibility. Households will be notified of eligibility determination. At any time during the school year, program officials may verify an application. Households dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss it with the school. Households also have the right to a fair hearing. This may be done by calling or writing to:

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[Hearing Official]

[Address]

[Telephone]

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